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SUBJECT: CALL BY PAKISTANI AMBASSADOR: SITUATION IN
PAKISTAN

1. AMBASSADOR YAQUB KHAN, ACCOMPANIED BY NEWLY ARRIVED
MINISTER (POLITICAL) HAYAT MEHDI, CALLED ON ASSISTANT SECRE-
TARY ATHERTON JULY 26. DEPUTY ASSISTANT SECRETARY DUBS AND
NEA/PAB DIRECTOR LANDE ALSO SAT IN.

2. AMBASSADOR STATED THAT PURPOSE OF CALL WAS TO GIVE
ATHERTON HIS IMPRESSIONS OF THE CURRENT SITUATION IN PAKI-
STAN, PARTICULARLY AS IT IMPACTED ON THE NUCLEAR QUESTION.
AMBASSADOR SPENT CONSIDERABLE TIME ASSERTING THAT (A)
MILITARY HAD NOT WISHED TO TAKE OVER, (B) WHILE THERE HAD
BEEN AND PRESENTLY WERE DIFFERENCES OF OPINION INSIDE THE
MILITARY, THERE WERE NO SIGNIFICANT TENSIONS OR DISSENSIONS,
AND (C) THERE WAS A SENSE OF RELIEF IN PAKISTAN AND THE
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DOMESTIC SITUATION WAS QUIET.

3. TURNING TO THE NUCLEAR ISSUE THE AMBASSADOR STATED THAT
HE HAD NOT ATTENDED THE MILITARY COUNCIL MEETING LEADING
TO THE DECISION THAT WAS COMMUNICATED TO AMBASSADOR HUMMEL.
HE DESCRIBED THE ISSUE, HOWEVER, AS "ANOTHER KASHMIR," I.E.
A PRESTIGE ISSUE ON WHICH IT WAS IMPOSSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT

GOVERNMENT TO MOVE. HE STATED THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT MADE ANY CONCESSIONS, E.G. SUCH AS DELAYS IN SHIPMENT, BHUTTO WOULD USE IT AS A TOOL TO ATTACK THE GOVERNMENT AND TO ASSERT THAT THE MILITARY WAS PART OF A U.S. PLOT AGAINST HIM. THE GOP UNDERSTANDS THE SYMINGTON AMENDMENT AS WELL AS OUR PROBLEMS, BUT IS FACED WITH A DILEMMA. IN MAKING A DECISION, DOMESTIC CONSIDERATIONS WERE OVERRIDING.

4. ATHERTON THANKED THE AMBASSADOR FOR HIS PRESENTATION WHICH WAS HELPFUL AS BACKGROUND TO THE CURRENT SITUATION. HE STATED THAT THE USG HAD NOT WISHED TO APPLY THE SYMINGTON AMENDMENT AND NO FINAL DECISION HAD AS YET BEEN MADE ON THIS ISSUE. WE DID, HOWEVER, HAVE AN OBLIGATION TO CONGRESS TO CARRY OUT THE LAW AND IT MAY NOT BE POSSIBLE TO DELAY A DECISION VERY MUCH LONGER. HE SUGGESTED THAT THE AMBASSADOR GIVE SOME CONSIDERATION TO WAYS TO MINIMIZE THE POLITICAL IMPACT IN PAKISTAN WERE WE TO FIND IT IMPOSSIBLE TO SIGN FURTHER AID AGREEMENTS. HE STATED THAT NO DECISION WOULD BE MADE UNTIL MR. NYE HAD RETURNED FROM SOUTH ASIA AND THAT ANY DECISION WOULD BE MADE AT THE POLICY MAKING LEVEL.

5. THE AMBASSADOR NOTED THE USG'S INTEREST IN DETERMINING THE CURRENT AND PROPOSED STATUS OF SHIPMENTS OF VITAL COMPONENTS. HE STATED THAT HE DID NOT HAVE THE ANSWERS TO OUR QUESTIONS AND IMPLIED THAT THE GOP ITSELF DID NOT HAVE

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ANY DEFINITE SHIPPING SCHEDULE. HE STATED THAT FRENCH-PAKISTANI RELATIONS WERE "VERY DELICATE" AND THAT THE GOP COULD NOT SPEAK TO FRANCE ON THIS SUBJECT LEST IT BE "MISUNDERSTOOD." IT WAS, HOWEVER, HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT THE POINT OF NO RETURN HAD NOT BEEN REACHED IN THE SHIPMENT OF COMPONENTS.

6. IN CLOSING, THE AMBASSADOR RAISED THE QUESTION OF EXIM FINANCING OF A 747 FOR PIA. HE EXPRESSED CONCERN THAT EXIM WAS NOW DECLINING TO FINANCE THE AIRCRAFT ON THE GROUNDS THAT NO DECISION COULD BE MADE BEFORE THE ELECTIONS IN OCTOBER. LANDE STATED THAT THIS ISSUE WAS CURRENTLY BEING DISCUSSED WITH EXIM AND A REPLY WOULD BE FURNISHED TO THE EMBASSY.

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